

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

January 5, 2004
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Noble, and Councilmembers Balducci, Chelminiak, Davidson, Degginger, and Lee

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Marshall, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present. Mr. Lee led the flag salute.

(a) Display by Laotian Artist Prince Nithakhong Somsanith at City Hall

Mayor Marshall welcomed Tiao Nithakhong Somsanith, a visiting Laos Prince and embroidery artist whose works will be on display at Bellevue City Hall through January 12 and at the Wing Luke Asian Arts Museum from January 6 through 31.

Kevin Henry, Cultural Diversity Program Coordinator, said Prince Somsanith is visiting from France and specializes in centuries-old traditions of gold thread embroideries used for royal dresses. Nadine Shiroma, Chair of the Eastside Asian Pacific Islanders, thanked the Museum of History and Industry for assisting with the local displays. She noted that Prince Somsanith has a PhD in psychology and is committed to sharing this traditional art with future generations. The president of the University of Washington's Laotian Student Association invited Council and the public to a reception and welcoming ceremony at Bellevue City Hall on January 11 (2-5 p.m.) featuring dance performances, art, and traditional Laotian food. She thanked the Wing Luke Asian Museum, Eastside Asian Pacific Islanders, and Laotian Youth and Family Services of Washington for making the art displays possible.

Prince Somsanith said he is very happy to be in Bellevue and Seattle. He dedicated his local exhibits to the younger generation, who represent the future of the community.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Damon Henry, speaking for Mayellen Henry, submitted comments in writing and discussed concerns about a recent ballot regarding a traffic calming plan for 168th Avenue and SE 14th Street. He explained that 164 officially postmarked ballots were returned to the City, reflecting an approval rate of 48 percent which was below the 65 percent required. Mr. Henry expressed concern that 114 photocopies of ballots were mixed in with the original ballots, pushing the approval rate to 66 percent. He said the project manager confirmed that many of them were brought in by pro-project solicitors. Mr. Henry alleged that only ballots in favor of the project were turned in by the residents who collected photocopied ballots. He urged Council to instruct the Transportation Department to count only the original ballots.
- (b) Benn Henry is opposed to the traffic calming plan for 168th Avenue and SE 14th Street. He expressed concern about the voting process and the indirect submittal of some ballots.
- (c) Paul Grohe explained that some residents told him they were approached by neighbors in favor of the project. When they indicated they were opposed to the project, the canvassers did not give them the opportunity to vote by ballot. In at least one instance, a woman said she submitted a “no” ballot to another resident and that ballot never made it to City staff. Mr. Grohe asked Council to direct staff to correct this flawed voting process.
- (d) Massoud Vaziri described his involvement in and support for the ballot process for the 168th Avenue and SE 14th Street traffic calming proposal. He feels the process was fair and reiterated that 66 percent of residents in the area support the project.
- (e) Marilyn Noe expressed support for the traffic calming project and the voting process.
- (f) Damian Golden spoke in favor of the traffic calming project, which was supported by 66 percent of the ballots. He feels the Transportation Department acted in a fair and neutral manner in serving both the supporters and non-supporters of the project. Both groups received public information to aid in their efforts. Mr. Golden described his involvement in the collection of ballots.

Mayor Marshall asked staff to prepare a management brief for Council’s review next week.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions: None.

5. Report of the City Manager

City Manager Steve Sarkozy thanked City crews for working to respond to recent snow and ice conditions. He noted that more snow is anticipated, to be followed by rain and warmer temperatures which could potentially cause flooding. Mr. Sarkozy thanked residents for their understanding and requested their assistance in clearing debris from drains should flooding become an issue.

6. Council Business

Dr. Davidson explained that he has been serving as Council liaison to the Metro Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC). He asked Council to support his appointment to the committee and expressed his interest in running for Chair of the committee on January 7.

Mayor Marshall noted Dr. Davidson's longstanding interest in water and wastewater issues. She supports his desire to serve on the committee, potentially as Chair.

- ➡ Councilmember Degginger moved to appoint Dr. Davidson to the Metro Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), and Mayor Marshall seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to appoint Dr. Davidson to the Metro Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Degginger explained the need to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission created by Mr. Chelminiak's election to the Council, as well as an additional upcoming vacancy when Ken Schiring completes his term.

- ➡ Councilmember Degginger moved to appoint Tobi Maggi to fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Chelminiak's term and Vicki Orrico to replace Ken Schiring in May 2004 on the Planning Commission. Mayor Marshall seconded the motion.

Mayor Marshall commented on the excellent candidates for the Planning Commission's vacancies. She said Ms. Orrico plans to begin attending meetings now in order to be fully familiar with the issues when she joins the Commission in May.

- ➡ The motion to appoint Tobi Maggi and Vicki Orrico to the Planning Commission carried by a vote of 7-0.

7. Approval of the Agenda

- ➡ Deputy Mayor Noble moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Consent Calendar

- ➡ Deputy Mayor Noble moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Dr. Davidson seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:
 - (a) Minutes of December 8, 2003 Regular Session

- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending December 8, 2003, and payroll for the period of November 16 through November 30, 2003.
 - (c) Resolution No. 6948 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Boise Office Solutions for the purchase of office supplies for the City of Bellevue, effective January 6, 2004.
 - (d) Motion to award Bid No. 0357 for the Northup Way pipe relining at NE 4th Street and Factoria Boulevard to Planned Engineering Construction, Inc., as low bidder, in the amount of \$62,647.04. (CIP Plan No. D-64 and S-24)
9. Public Hearings: None.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions
- (a) Resolution No. 6949 establishing the extent of the Work Program for the 2004 Comprehensive Plan Update under the seven-year update process required by RCW 36.70A.130; establishing a public participation program as required by RCW 36.70A.035 and .140; determining that the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations are in compliance with the Growth Management Act except as contained in the Work Program; and finding that the review of relevant plans and regulations and the analysis of the need for revisions has been completed as required by RCW 36.70A.130.

Mayor Marshall noted Council's discussion of this item during the Study Session earlier in the evening.

Planning Director Dan Stroh confirmed Council's interest in keeping the work of the Downtown Implementation Plan moving forward, which includes adopting the Downtown Subarea Plan and the Downtown Transportation Plan in the 2004 Comprehensive Plan update. Related Land Use Code amendments will be adopted in 2004 and 2005 to support the Comprehensive Plan provisions.

Responding to Mayor Marshall, Mr. Stroh said Resolution No. 6949, particularly Section 5, will be revised to be consistent with Council's direction in the earlier Study Session. Mr. Degginger suggested postponing action on the resolution until next week, and Councilmembers concurred.

12. Unfinished Business: None.
13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 8:42 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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